

transfer fluid, said lubricant comprising one or more compounds of general formula:



Amend.
wherein

R is the hydrocarbon radical remaining after removing the hydroxyl groups from pentaerythritol, dipentaerythritol, tripentaerythritol, trimethylol ethane, trimethylol propane or neopentyl glycol, or the hydroxyl containing hydrocarbon radical remaining after removing a proportion of the hydroxyl groups from pentaerythritol, dipentaerythritol, tripentaerythritol, trimethylol ethane, trimethylol propane or neopentyl glycol;

each R¹ is, independently, H, a straight chain (linear) aliphatic hydrocarbyl group, a branched aliphatic hydrocarbyl group, or an aliphatic hydrocarbyl group (linear or branched) containing a carboxylic acid or carboxylic acid ester substituent, provided that at least one R¹ group is a linear aliphatic hydrocarbyl group or a branched aliphatic hydrocarbyl group; and

n is an integer.

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Cancel claims ~~2~~, ~~3~~ and ~~4~~.

Claim 5, line 1, change "4" to -- 4 --.

Cancel claims ~~6~~ and ~~7~~.

Claim 8, line 1, change "7" to -- ~~1~~ --.

Cancel claims ~~9~~, ~~10~~, ~~11~~, ~~12~~ and ~~13~~.

Claim 14, line 1, change "13" to -- ~~1~~ --.

Claim 15, lines ~~1-2~~, change "13 or claim 14" to -- ~~1~~ --.

Claim 18, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 13 to 17:
to -- claim ~~1~~ --.

Cancel claim ~~19~~.

Claim 20, lines ~~1-2~~, change "18 or claim 19" to -- ~~18~~ --.

Claim 21, lines 1-2, change "any one of claims 18 to 20" to
-- claim 18 or claim 20 --.

Claim 22, lines ~~1-2~~, change "11 or claim 12" to -- ~~1~~ --.

Claim 24, line 2, delete "or claim ~~23~~".

Cancel claims ~~25~~ and ~~26~~.

Claim 27, line 2, change "any one of claims 1 to 25" to
-- claim ~~1~~ --.

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Add the following claim:

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9. -- 28. In a heat transfer method involving the use of a working fluid, the improvement which comprises using, as the working fluid, a composition as claimed in claim ¹⁹ X. --

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

The claims now in the case are claims 1, 5, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20-22, 24, 27 and new claim 28, the last-mentioned claim representing a rewritten version of claim 26 to conform to U.S. practice.

Claim 1 has been amended to include features of cancelled dependent claims. See particularly cancelled claims 2-4, 6, 7 and 8 for (A) and claim 13 for (B).

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the Section 112 rejection of the claims. In rejecting the claims, the Examiner states that the claims are vague and indefinite in failing to recite relative proportions of the required components and that a person of ordinary skill in the art would be unable to determine the metes and bounds of the claimed invention. However, the applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's position. Recitation of specific proportions is not necessary